



# State of Louisiana

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## STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Wednesday, July 12, 2006**

The Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at the Claiborne Building, Board of Regents Conference Room, 6-240/242, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Michael Abbiatti called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Diane Didier, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Michael Abbiatti (Chair)

Rizwan Ahmed (Vice-Chair)

Chief Robert Black  
Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth  
Arnold Chauviere  
Chief Freddy Drennan  
Heywood Jeffers (Designee)

Marsha T. Jabour

Lt. Colonel Robert Morris  
Pat Potier (Designee)  
Greg Riley

Susan Severance  
Colonel Eric Sivula  
Erik Smith  
Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Richard Gremillion

Robert Marionneaux

### **Representing Agency:**

LA Broadband Advisory Council/  
LA Board of Regents  
Division of Administration &  
Office of Information Technology  
LA Fire Chief's Association  
Dept. of Public Safety/LA State Police  
LA Public Service Commission  
Police Chief's Association  
LA Senate Select Committee on  
Homeland Security  
LA House of Representatives Special  
Committee on LA Homeland Security  
LA National Guard  
Dept. of Health & Hospitals  
LA House of Representatives Committee  
on Administration of Criminal Justice  
Governor's Office/OHSEP  
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services  
Dept. of Transportation/Development  
Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

### **Representing Agency:**

Regional Parish Homeland Security &  
Emergency Preparedness Directors  
Committee & Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP  
LA State Senate Judiciary B Committee

**State/Parish Agency Representatives Present:**

Colonel Kenneth Hughes  
Carl L. Johnson  
Corporal Michael Murphy  
Tommy Thiebaud

Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP  
LA Commission on Law Enforcement  
Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP  
Region 9 Washington OHSEP

**Support Staff Present:**

Diane Didier (LA Board of Regents)

**Guest List  
See Appendix**

**III. Approval of the Minutes of June 28, 2006**

Mr. Michael Abbiatti, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the June 28, 2006 minutes.

**On motion of Michael Murphy, seconded by Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 28, 2006.**

**IV. Special Presentations**

Mr. Abbiatti introduced Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth. Lt. Booth gave an overview of ACTD (Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations). Mr. Abbiatti then introduced Ms. Ginny Kelly, Project Coordinator for Homeland Security C2 ACTD, Arlington, Virginia. Ms. Kelly gave a presentation on the history of LA RECON (Louisiana Regional Emergency Command Operations Network), a project in the Thibodaux, LA area. Mr. Abbiatti then introduced Mr. Jerry Jones, President, Broadband IP, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA. Mr. Jones talked about the technology overview of LA RECON. Ms. Kelly and Mr. Jones answered questions asked by the Committee members.

Lt. Colonel Booth proposed a motion to thank Ms. Kelly and Mr. Jones for their time in presenting the LA RECON project to Committee members.

**On motion of Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth, seconded by Corporal Michael Murphy, the Committee voted unanimously to thank Ms. Ginny Kelly and Mr. Jerry Jones for their time in presenting the LA RECON Project to Committee members.**

Mr. Abbiatti commented that the reason for this presentation and the presentation from the last meeting is multi-purpose, we are dealing with issues not only in our radio network, but also our data network. We need to be sure we have true interoperability. In addition, as an example of one of the multiple projects that are ongoing in our region, out of all the groups statewide, this group needs to be aware of what's going on and how those things fit together to continue to make progress.

The Committee members broke out in assigned sub-committees at 2:05 p.m.

**V. Sub-Committee Progress Reports**

The SIEC members returned to full meeting at 3:10 p.m. Reports were given from the four (4) sub-committees.

Mr. Abbiatti asked Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth to give his report for the Communications Infrastructure Assessment Sub-Committee. Lt. Colonel Booth recommended to the Committee to approve, adopt, and to use the collected information from the amended Louisiana Totally Interoperable Environment Needs Assessment form.

**On motion of Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth, seconded by Colonel Kenneth Hughes, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to approve and adopt the Louisiana Totally Interoperable Environment Needs Assessment form as a means to collect information from the State and local agencies that wish to participate in the new statewide system.**

Lt. Colonel Booth also recommended that he will work with Regional Coordinators and Working Groups from all State and local agencies. He will contact and collect information from the survey, due date July 26, 2006. The data compiled will be reported at the end of August, 2006.

**On motion of Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth, seconded by Lt. Colonel Robert Morris, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation for Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth to contact and collect information from the Regional Coordinators and Working Groups no later than July 26, 2006 and report the data collected by August, 2006.**

Lt. Colonel Booth also recommended to adopt the radio channel talkgroup architecture, as amended to include the NTIA channels, as the minimum mandatory talkgroup architecture for participation with the statewide interoperable wireless system.

Mr. Abbiatti commented on the State talkgroups that Mr. Rex McDonald sent out on the SIEC listserv and to set a standard for SIEC policy. Chief Robert Black commented that the set of procedures, fees, etc. should follow certain guidelines to join new users/subscribers to the talkgroups system including the 5 NTIA channels.

**On motion of Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth, seconded by Lt. Colonel Robert Morris, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation for the SIEC to adopt the five (5) State talk groups architecture as amended with the addition of the NTIA channels and adopt it as the minimum common program channel architecture operation on State system, including new users.**

Mr. Abbiatti requested the report from the Technology Sub-Committee Chair, Chief Robert Black. Chief Black indicated that they will develop a document with procedures through the working groups for fees for projects, maintenance fees, etc. Chief Black also mentioned the Louisiana State Firemen's Association Conference in New Orleans, August 10 – 12, 2006. The SIEC representatives will have one-hour, 45 minutes for their presentation on Friday, August 11, 2006. Mr. Abbiatti mentioned that the Committee needs to discuss briefing teams to represent the SIEC when asked to do presentations to organizations.

Mr. Abbiatti reported on the Funding and Finance Sub-Committee. He asked the Sub-Committee to look at ways to get funding. He reported that the Funding Sub-Committee is looking at preparing a Legislative Agenda for interoperability at the next session.

Corporal Michael Murphy mentioned as discussed in prior SIEC meetings, to hold a SIEC Technology Symposium. He then recommended that The Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovation/COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Office could partner with the SIEC to sponsor the SIEC Technology Symposium, including funding.

**On motion of Corporal Michael Murphy, seconded by Ms. Susan Severance, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation for the SIEC to authorize the Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovation/COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Office, to partner with the SIEC and sponsor the SIEC Technology Symposium, including funding.**

Mr. Abbiatti and Lt. Colonel Booth discussed for the SIEC to collaborate with LA RECON/DOD for funding and setting interoperability communication system standards/architecture. Mr. Abbiatti then suggested to request FEMA funds for the installation of computers, towers, radios, etc. and to have a common operator platform for DOD, etc. for disaster preparedness. He then proposed to initiate The Gulf Coast Initiative Compact Pilot Project with Louisiana and Mississippi. The first act would be to invite our colleagues from Mississippi to one our SIEC meetings.

After further discussion;

**On motion of Chief Freddy Drennan, seconded by Mr. Tommy Thiebaud, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to initiate The Gulf Coast Initiative Compact Pilot Project with SIEC and Mississippi.**

Mr. Abbiatti moved to the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee and asked Ms. Susan Severance, Chair for the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee, for the Sub-Committee report. Ms. Severance reported that the Sub-Committee reviewed the Bylaws and recommended to adopt the Bylaws.

**On motion of Ms. Susan Severance, seconded by Colonel Eric Sivula, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to adopt the Statewide Interoperable Communication System Executive Committee Bylaws.**

Ms. Severance reported that a representative from Avoyelles Parish contacted GOHSEP to be a part of the Statewide Interoperable Communication System architecture. There was further discussion regarding other State and local agencies becoming members of SIEC.

Ms. Severance also mentioned that Mr. Abbiatti proposed to have SIEC Briefing teams; 1) Leadership, 2) Technology, and 3) GOHSEP. Mr. Abbiatti will prepare four or five PowerPoint slides to add to the SIEC listserv for Committee members to use for presentations.

**VI. Old Business**

Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth reported that he will follow up on updating the funding information that was presented at the last meeting of June 28, 2006. Mr. Abbiatti also reported the he will follow-up on the three sources; legislative funds, Parish funds, and grants, etc.

**VII. New Business**

No new business was reported.

**VIII. Public Comments**

Mr. Abbiatti asked the guests attending the meeting to introduce themselves. No public comments were made.

**IX. Adjournment**

In the absence of further business, Chair Abbiatti adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at 3:45 p.m.

**APPENDIX  
GUEST LIST  
July 12, 2006**

**NAME**

**AFFILIATION**

Robert Hale	LSUBR Police
Jerry Jones	LA RECON
Ginny Kelly	LA RECON
Rex McDonald	DPS
Richard Silverman	DEQ
Ras Iyer	Motorola
John Estes	Motorola
Michelle Fontenot	
Cathy Trenkle	LERN
Gary Peters	LERN
Ross Judice	Acadian Ambulance
Nicole Kilgore	LSP
Anthony Summers	West Baton Rouge Parish OHSEP/911
Clay Henry	Acadian Ambulance